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**DECISION** 

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In re Application of BARTSCH. Klaus

Application No.: 10/018,331

PCT No.: PCT/EP00/02809

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION

OF L-PHOSPHINOTHRICINE BY ENZYMATIC TRANSAMINATION WITH

ASPARTATE

This decision is in response to applicant's "Request for Correction of Filing Receipt" filed via facsimile on 10 March 2004 which is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

A review of the filing receipt indicates that the total claim number is incorrect. The number of claims should be "13," not "15." Moreover, international publication records indicate that the international filing date of PCT/EP00/02809 is 30 March 2000, not 30 June 2000 as listed on the filing receipt. In addition, applicant submitted a preliminary amendment on changing the title listed in the international application to "Process for the Preparation of L-Phosphinothricine by Enzymatic Transamination with Aspartate."

This application is being forwarded to the DO/EO/US to mail a corrected filing receipt indicating the correct number of claims, the proper international filing date for PCT/EP00/02809 and the correct title.

The application will then be forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

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